

FATHER TOO OLD TO GO TO BURIAL

Body Is Shipped So Parent, 102 Years, Won't Have to Make Trip.

Because the father, William Skiff of Camanche, Iowa, has passed the century mark and was unable, on account of his advanced age of 102 years to come to Davenport to attend the funeral services, the body of William Wallace Skiff was sent to the home of the father today, and the funeral was held there.

Although the deceased is 43 years the junior of his father, who passed the century milestone two years ago, he was the first of the two to die. He had resided in Davenport for many years. Recently he became ill and was taken to a hospital, where an operation was performed. This took place last Wednesday. He has gradually been growing weaker since the operation and death resulted at 11:30 o'clock Thursday night. Throughout the entire time of the illness of the younger Skiff, the aged man at Camanche had been receiving six hour bulletins pertaining to the condition of his son. Immediately when apprised of his son's death he instructed that the body be sent to his home, as he was unable to come to Davenport, and he wanted to attend the funeral.

The deceased was born in the state of New York 60 years ago, and came west with his father when a boy. Later he left his home at Camanche and came to Davenport, where he was married. He has resided in that city for many years.

The survivors are two sons, Joseph Skiff of Davenport, and Herbert Skiff of Lyons, Iowa, and two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Smith of Dakota, and Mrs. Charles Hengler of Davenport.

FOREIGN NEWS

Paris, May 24.—Alfonso of Spain has returned home. His Paris visit was short, but not so the memory of his fatalistic courage. When the king was told that George of Greece had been assassinated at Salonika, his only comment was: "It will be my turn next." A close friend who heard this remark urged the king to agree never to go out on horseback again unless accompanied by a strong escort. "If," replied the young monarch, "I am never to be allowed to go about as I wish, I can only hope that my turn will come quickly."

Five actual attempts have been made on the life of King Alfonso in the last 10 years, the last occurring at Madrid, April 13 of this year.

Baseball has come to Paris, and has taken the city virtually by storm. Negotiations are under way for the purchase of a ball park in the Bois de Boulogne, sporting houses are stocking baseball bats, masks and gloves to meet an increasing demand, and the American baseball vanguard is being translated into French.

All this is the direct result of a few exhibitions of the great American game witnessed near Paris recently, but France was ripe for the innovation. Grafted on a newly awakened love for outdoor sports and diving that has grown up in France recently, baseball bids fair to become the most popular and fashionable method of its expression.

Several hundred curious spectators journeyed to Colomb a few days ago to see the game played officially for the first time under the auspices of the "Racing club." As the match progressed the Parisians became more and more fascinated, and by the end of the ninth everybody present pronounced himself a try at the new game, which will, in all probability, be officially adopted by the leading Paris athletic clubs.

Frenchmen today take pride in being athletic. It is the fashion to "go in" for some kind of outdoor sport. A soft arm and a pallid complexion are coming to be scorned. This change in Frenchmen is one result of what has been called "the new spirit in France," the spirit of confidence, of action, of morality. It is well exemplified by Maurice Barres and a younger school of writers who believe a man can write just as good poetry and

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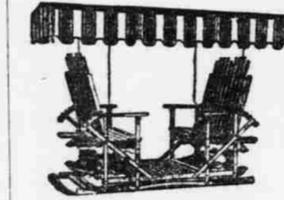
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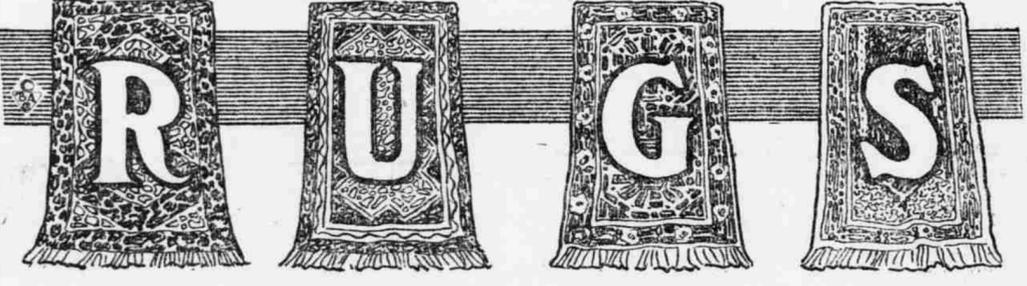
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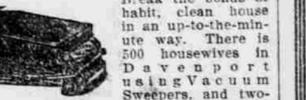
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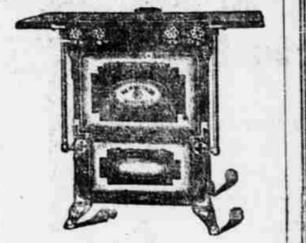
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philosophy in riding breeches or after a game of tennis, as with long locks, butterfly neckwear, and a dull and unhealthy eye.

Frenchmen are determined in 1915 to avenge their poor performances in the last Olympic games. The country is being searched systematically for promising athletes. A number of well known men, among them the Marquis de Polignac, have undertaken a campaign to arouse the country to its responsibilities in this connection, and already athletic competitions to bring out Olympic material are being arranged in every little village in France. From these the winners will assemble in county competitions, and so on, until gradually by elimination there will be picked out the best team of athletes which France can produce. France is making up her mind to surprise the athletic world in 1915, and the growing popularity of "the sport" will aid materially to this end.

The richest woman in the city of Konstanz, Switzerland, Madame Osel, known as the "queen of the smugglers," has just been arrested and given a 15 months' imprisonment for introducing saccharine into Germany.

For years Madame Osel has been directing the operations of a band of smugglers who derived good profit from this contraband trade. She made not less than 150 per cent on a considerable capital, and she is rated by the commercial agencies as worth \$200,000. Her favorite method has been to send her agents across the frontier in motor cars. They traveled as tourists, and their cars were constructed with secret receptacles in which the saccharine was hidden.

On a recent visit to Lindau, Madame Osel was recognized by the German police. She jumped into her car and started for the Swiss frontier at full speed, but a telephone message beat her to the barrier. The gate was closed. She recognized the inevitable,

and quickly submitted to arrest. A curious society, the members of which stole for the pleasure and excitement in itself as a sport, has been discovered in the Folle-Mericoourt quarter of Paris.

Three members of the organization are now in custody. One, a stone-cutter named Albert Bachez, spent all his spare time in the planning and execution of difficult and daring thefts. His only reward was the admiration and praise of his colleagues. The results of his endeavor were exhibited as proof of his success, and were then donated to the society and stored in its rooms. Bachez scorned easy work, but any difficult task suggested by the society at once aroused his remarkable faculties, and was carried out with amazing cunning.

But, as was to be expected, Bachez one day made a miscalculation. He was caught stealing some valuable bronze art objects in the Bastille quarter of Paris, and is now awaiting trial.

Mexico City, May 24.—General Huerta is chafing under the restraint imposed by the duties and ceremonies attending his office as president, and some of his friends in the army will not be surprised if one day he throws off the tri-colored band and again dons the military uniform. It is said that the president, not fully satisfied with the progress which is being made against the revolutionists, is seriously considering the resignation of his office in order personally to direct the campaign.

That the army has not made any great advancement in restoring peace is evident, and Huerta, who planned and carried out the campaign against Orozco a year ago, is pardoned by his intimates for believing that he could do the job more expeditiously. "I am not a man of governmental affairs," said Huerta recently in the course of an impromptu after-dinner speech. "I

am a soldier, and every time that I see a body of men entraining, I long to go with them into the field."

Who would take Huerta's place as provisional president is a matter of much speculation. His inability to find a man who would satisfy the people and display the requisite executive ability is what may prevent Mexico's soldier-president from abandoning the palace. To place Felix Diaz in the presidency probably would not improve the situation greatly, and certainly it would not please Diaz, since his occupancy of the provisional post would greatly lessen his chances of holding it as an elected incumbent. The selection of Francisco de la Barra would please many of his intimate friends, but the Catholic party has its eye on de la Barra as a candidate for the presidency at some future time when elections can be held. Once it was suggested that General Geronimo Trevino take the provisional presidency. But the general is getting on in years, and in addition he does not want the place.

Whether Huerta would do any better, however, in the field than his officers now are doing is regarded as by no means certain. He probably has an influence over the army greater than that of any other general; but the army today is a poor thing compared with that left by Porfirio Diaz, notwithstanding that Diaz's army was far less efficient than he considered it. It has been demonstrated that the army is not a unit of loyalty, and the introduction into its ranks of thousands of ex-rebels appears not to have greatly strengthened its loyalty, and to have lowered discipline and efficiency. As minister of war, Huerta might direct all phases of the campaign, but as a simple general in the field he could direct only a small part, and what he might accomplish in one region might easily be offset by what

transpired in other parts of the republic.

Huerta and Diaz believed in February that they had restored Mexico to a peaceful condition and they probably did not dream that the counter-revolution ever would assume the proportions it has today. There is no doubt now, however, that the number of rebels is greater than the number of the government's troops, and it has become practically a matter of money which side will win. May began with the government still on the defensive, but making promises of the early inauguration of a terrible campaign against the rebels. It was believed in the capital that by that time the rebels would have exhausted their supplies of ammunition and would be unable to buy more, or to get it across the American boundary line even if they possessed the necessary means to purchase it. Money is not plentiful in the rebel treasury; but neither is it in that of the national government. So far as getting guns and ammunition across the line is concerned, the rebels appear to be having less difficulty than did either Madero or Orozco, and Mexicans in the capital are open in their denunciation of the Washington government for not maintaining a stricter patrol.

Were it not for the fact that the Mexican soldier generally provides his own rations, he would today be the highest paid fighting man in the world. Madero raised his wages to a peso, 50 cents gold, a day, and Huerta has further increased it to a peso and a half, or 75 cents gold. The maintenance of the army in the past three years have been Mexico's greatest item of expense, but notwithstanding that the government is hard up and has had difficulty in securing the loan for which it has been striving, Huerta considered the increase a necessity. With this lure he hoped to gain recruits. Conscription, however, has

been the method adopted.

Judged by some of the expenditures—or announced intention to expend—the government is not so poor as facts would seem to indicate. Recently it was stated at the national palace that in order to increase the efficiency of the army the war department had authorized the purchase of 20 aeroplanes

and the establishment of a school of aviation. Already the government has two machines. Captain Manuel Lebrija is in charge of aerial instruction, and the war department professes to believe that before many months in the army the war department had authorized the purchase of 20 aeroplanes

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